

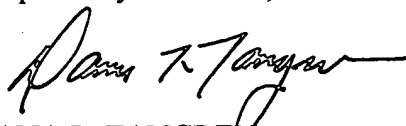
## REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were pending in the application as the time of the Office Action. Claims 1-16 are allowed in the Office Action. Claims 17-18 are apparatus claims that are objected to in the Office Action for improperly depending from a method claim. Applicant has herein amended claims 17 and 18 so as to make them independent claims. Applicant has amended claims 17 and 18 to incorporate limitations from claims 1 and 9, respectfully. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims do not introduce new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested. In view of the fact that claims 17 and 18 no longer depend from a method claim, applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the claims be withdrawn.

No other objections or rejections are set forth in the Office Action. In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-18 as presented herein. In the event that the Examiner finds any further impediment to allowance of the claims that could be clarified by the telephonic interview, the examiner is respectfully requested to initiate such with the undersigned.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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